

What is Claimed:

1. A unified messaging system that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of messaging services to which they subscribe, comprising:

means for providing said subscriber with a single point of access; and

5 means for sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of messaging services.

2. The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

10 means, responsive to said subscriber signing on to the network, for accessing subscriber's account information in a centralized profile for messaging services

3. The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

directory means for authenticating said subscriber; and

15 means for allowing the subscriber to access messaging services that are enabled in their profile.

4. The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

20 wherein said directory contains subscriber profile data such as mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers

5. The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

25 means for enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications

6. The unified messaging system of claim 1 further comprising:

30 means to enable said subscriber to access said unified messaging system via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.

7. A method of providing a unified messaging service that serves to interconnect a subscriber with a plurality of messaging services to which they

subscribe, comprising:

providing said subscriber with a single point of access; and

sharing personal address book and calendaring applications among said plurality of messaging services.

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8. The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

accessing, in response to said subscriber signing on to the network, said subscriber's account information in a centralized profile for messaging services

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9. The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

authenticating said subscriber; and

allowing the subscriber to access messaging services that are enabled in their profile.

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10. The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

storing in said directory subscriber profile data such as mobile telephone number, spoken name, e-mail address, services access, and links to the personal address book and calendar servers

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11. The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

means for enabling said subscriber to move seamlessly among the allowed messaging services to share personal address book and calendaring applications

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12. The method of providing a unified messaging service of claim 7 further comprising:

means to enable said subscriber to access said unified messaging system via a one of a Telephone User Interface and a WEB User interface using a laptop or personal computer.

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